

Delaware Nutrient Management  
Program

DELAWARE CONSERVATION  
PRACTICE STANDARD

**Temporary Field Staging**

(Reported by Number)

**DEFINITION**

The temporary location of manure/litter in a field for 90 days or less prior to its application within that field.

**PURPOSES**

This practice may be applied for the following purpose:

1. To stage manure/litter in the field prior to its application.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE  
APPLIES**

According to the Delaware Nutrient Management regulations, manure may be temporarily staged within an application area for 90 days or less prior to its application.

**CRITERIA**

1. The staging site is also the application site.
2. Authorization for exceeding the 90 day time period may be granted on a case by case basis if approved by the nutrient consultant. The request must be submitted to Nutrient Management Program Administrator in writing at least 5 business days prior to the end of the initial 90 day staging time period.

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The temporary staging of manure/litter must be performed in the following manner:

1. The manure must be at least 6 feet high and in a conical cross section shape; and
2. The selection of the staging site must consider the highest, most practical site possible and shall not use the same site more than once every two years; and
3. The staging site must be located at least 100 feet from a public road, 100 feet from any surface water and 200 feet from any residence not located on the property; and
4. The staging site must be at least 200 feet from a domestic well and 300 feet from a public water supply well; and
5. Post litter removal treatment must include the removal of all litter and the top 1-2 inches of topsoil if the topsoil is co-mingled with the litter to prevent nutrient loads; and
6. A production crop or vegetative cover crop must be established and maintained at the staging site as soon as practical following post removal treatment.

**RECORD KEEPING**

Participating producers must maintain records to allow the certifying individual to document plan implementation. Required records include:

1. Nutrient Land Application Record form.
2. Assistance notes. The notes shall include dates of site visits, name or initials of the person who made the visit.
3. Refer to the "Record Keeping" state technical standard to obtain appropriate form(s).

**REFERENCES**

1. Title 3 Agriculture, Delaware Administrative Code, 1201 Nutrient Management Certification Regulations
2. Title 7 Delaware Administrative Code 7201 Regulations Governing the Control of Water Pollution, Section 9.5 The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
3. <http://extension.udel.edu/factsheets/temporary-field-storage-of-poultry-litter/>